

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 857

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A RESOLUTION to commend Vann Brannon Bentley for
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Vann Brannon Bentley is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Lowe Finney; Vann's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, born in Oneonta, Alabama on November 20, 1989, Vann Bentley graduated from Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School in Birmingham, where he demonstrated the greatest commitment to scholastic achievement; and

WHEREAS, a student at Vanderbilt University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Vann has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and English and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Lambda Chi Alpha, Model United Nations, Student Government, Vanderbilt College Democrats, and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, he developed exceptional leadership skills as editor of the *Vanderbilt Political Review* and the Arts and Science Council representative of Vanderbilt's Student Government; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Vann is a National Merit Scholar, participated in the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Writing Symposium, and made Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Bentley previously interned with the Karl Dean for Mayor Campaign, the Tennessee Democratic Party, and Bradley, Arant, Rose, and White, LLP; and

WHEREAS, his extensive experience in politics should serve him well at Georgetown Law, which he plans to attend upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, Vann's endeavors bring great pride to his parents, Bob and Kathy Bentley, his brother, Benjamin Bentley, and his sister-in-law, Kate Bentley; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Vann Bentley brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2012 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2012 legislative session, Vann has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Vann has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Vann Brannon Bentley for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Lowe Finney and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.